

## Welcome, All Worshipers

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

*Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" Luke 17:17*

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(\* indicates when those who are able may stand.)  
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### Prelude

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DOTTIE HAASE, LAY READER**

(Please complete the Friendship Book as it is passed during announcements; then pass it toward the center aisle.)

#### \***OPENING HYMN: #595 SOME GLAD MORNING (VERSES 1-3)**

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#### \***Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us gather together to worship our gracious God.

All: **Seeds were sown; fruits have matured; we have realized a rich harvest.**

Leader: God has indeed been good to us.

All: **Let this be a day to offer God our prayerful thanks.**

#### \***Opening Prayer**

All: **For rain, we give you thanks, God. For the sunlight that spills across the earth, we give you thanks. For fertile fields and teeming seas, we give you thanks. For orchards and vines, pastures and grains, we give you thanks. For the plenty we celebrate this month, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.**

#### \***The Gloria Patri** (sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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**FIRST READING (LAY READER): PSALM 78:1-7**

### ANTHEM

**SECOND READING (PASTOR): LUKE 17:14-19**

**SERMON: "BLESSED — IN ORDER TO BLESS"**

**REV. RICHARD HOTCHKIN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**\*HYMN: GIVE ME OIL IN MY LAMP (INSERT ALL VERSES)**

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

#### **SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERING** (PLEASE BE SEATED)

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.  
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.  
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.  
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.**

**WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: SOON AND VERY SOON (INSERT)**

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**\*BENEDICTION:** Go in peace. Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon you, and linger in your hearts and minds throughout the coming week, and forevermore. Amen.

**\*Unison Response:**

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

### Postlude

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY

Lay Reader: Dottie Hayes

Greeter: Bobbi Zubi

Ushers: Sandy Jarmuzewski and Penny Anderson

Fellowship Hosts: Mary Minnick, Jay & Marilyn Kettler

Altar Guild: Cindy Straley

Counter: Tammy Veasy

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 12, 2023

*We welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love.*

## This Week's Calendar

Sunday	November 12	10:00 AM	Worship Service
Monday	November 13	5:30 PM	Board Meeting

## Announcements

- ❖ Our opening hymn was chosen as part of our "favorite hymns" series and has a special significance to Marilyn Kettler.
- ❖ Peace Vigil Sunday November 19, 2023 from 7:00pm to 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 119 W. Dunbar in Alpena. All are invited.
- ❖ Please remember to check for care letters and cards in the middle hall.
- ❖ The Board Minutes are available in the Congregational Classified section in the middle hallway.
- ❖ Pat Garant will be coordinating the Mitten Tree beginning today through Christmas. We will be collecting adult and children sized mittens, hats, scarves, and socks that will be distributed to local agencies in time for Christmas. You can hang your donations on the tree next to the showcase.
- ❖ The area food pantry is in need of: gravy packages or cans (any flavor), instant mashed potatoes (boxes or packages), Jiffy corn bread or biscuit mixes/boxes, any kind of noodles & sauce, rice & sauce packages (Walmart Great Value has several flavors), cereal (any kind).
- ❖ Please be aware when exiting the building that the doors are closed firmly and securely.
- ❖ There is now a handicap accessible stall available in the women's restroom.

*SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, shown on the Internet, as they are happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the live-stream and recording.*

**A unisex handicap-accessible restroom is located through the doors to your left as you exit the sanctuary. A ladies' room is near the Lockwood Street entrance. A men's room is in the middle hallway.**



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*Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus*

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